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> When the bill becomes law at the end of the thirty-one-day period, the Soviets are prepared to cause serious trouble and may refuse to permit the circulation of the new currency in their zone, unless the Austrians agree to make concessions in "other economic fields".

Cornent: The general impression conveyed indicate that the Soviets will not insist on concessions in the currency exchange rate).

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